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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application Filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Filing Date	October 19, 2000
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Group Art Unit	3672
Examiner Name	Neuder, W.
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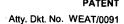
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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## SECOND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 12, 2003

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 12, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 12, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0091/WBP, for any fees, including fees for a two-month extension of time, fees for filing a request for continued examination, and/or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.